



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, October 28, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5112)

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Call to Order. (13-4507)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and noted the lack of a quorum.

Self-introductions were made by those in attendance.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin and Commissioner Alice Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m., establishing a quorum. Treasurer Charlotte Lesser turned over the Chairmanship of the meeting to Vice President Becky A. Shevlin.

Present: Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2013. (13-4508)**

On motion of Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian (Vice President Becky A. Shevlin abstaining), this item was approved.

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2. Discussion and approval to send two representative to the Women's Policy Summit in Sacramento, California, on January 16, 2014 as submitted by President Ward at the retreat meeting of August 12, 2013. (13-5042)

Commissioner Alice Petrossian made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, to approve and open the item for discussion.

After discussion, Commissioner Alice Petrossian amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., unanimously carried, the Commission approved sending two Commissioners to the Women's Policy Summit, in a total amount not to exceed \$500 for airfare and event registration.

3. Discussion and approval of a donation request in an amount not to exceed \$1100 to REACH, to offset the cost of the "Annual March for the Missing" event to be held on April 26, 2014, by Ronda Hampton, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and co-founder of REACH non-profit organization. (13-4065)

Vice President Charlotte Lesser made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, to approve and open the item for discussion.

After discussion, on motion of Vice President Charlotte Lesser and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the November 18, 2013 Agenda to be considered for approval. Dr. Ronda Hampton, co-founder of REACH non-profit organization submitted an amended Donation Request form, specifying a request for \$1,100 and detailing the proposed use of the requested funds. The form is to be submitted for review by the Executive Committee no less than ten days prior to the next Commission meeting.

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II. REPORTS

4. President's Report for October 2013. (13-4509)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin acknowledged the attached President's Report and urged Commissioners to read it at their leisure.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin and Commissioners Alice Petrossian, Charlotte Lesser, Gerda Govine, Ed.D. and Olivia G. Rodriguez commented on this item.

During discussion, Commissioners agreed to consult with their appointing Supervisor to gauge their position on various issues and policies affecting women and urge President Veda E. Ward to highlight those issues at the January 16, 2014 Women's Policy Summit in Sacramento, California.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 5.** Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees' meetings as submitted by Committee members:

- Executive Committee
- Luncheon Committee
- Public Relations/Social Media (13-4510)

Executive Committee:

- No report was presented.

Luncheon Committee:

- Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported that the Committee will meet immediately following today's regular meeting.

Public Relations/Social Media Committee:

- No report was presented.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

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- 6.** Report by Commissioner Olivia V. Rodriguez on Court Consolidation, as discussed at the August 12, 2013 Retreat meeting. (13-3506)

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez reported that Roy Sinclair, Commission Services staff emailed a list of the courts consolidation to the Commissioners. She attended a meeting with the Civil Courts in September 2013 and was informed that there are no additional closures or consolidations scheduled at this time. However, court employees are

still being laid off. In addition, she reported that due to court closures and consolidations, shelters for abused, homeless and battered women are reporting that their clients are having difficulties in filing and getting restraining orders against their abusers.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioners Charlotte Lesser and Gerda Govine, Ed.D., commented on this item regarding the negative impact court closures and consolidations are having on women who desperately need protection against domestic violence.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

7. Staff report as submitted by Emma De Jesus. (13-4511)

Roy Sinclair, Commission Services staff, reported that Emma De Jesus is scheduled to return to work on October 30, 2013.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Discussion on what role the Los Angeles County Commission for Women will undertake at the Association of California Commissions for Women Conference, scheduled to be held on January 17-19, 2014. (13-5045)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser suggested at least two Commissioners should attend this conference.

Vice President Becky Shevlin directed staff to email additional information regarding the conference to all Commissioners.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

9. Discussion by President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. of initiatives introduced at the National Association of Commissions for Women Annual Conference and Business meeting in San Jose, California. (Continued from the meetings of 08-12-13 and 09-09-13) (13-3190)

By common, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of November 18, 2013 without discussion.

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10. Discussion and consideration of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women volunteering at the California State University of Northridge's Play Day event scheduled on December 7, 2013. (13-5062)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin directed staff to gather more information regarding the PLAY DAY event and provide it at the November 18, 2013 meeting.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of November 18, 2013.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

11. Commissioners' Announcements for October 2013. (13-4512)

The following Commissioner made announcements:

- **Treasurer Charlotte Lesser announced that the Blue Zone three-year health assessment has ended. However, the Beach Cities Health District will continue the program.**
- **Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that the City of Hope is conducting a Foothill Health Challenge, which is modeled after the Blue Zone Health Assessment program.**
- **Commissioner Alice Petrossian announced that she was nominated for re-appointment to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women by Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. She informed the Commission that due to a prior commitment she regrets that she unable to attend the November 18, 2013 Commission meeting.**
- **Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez announced that the Jenesse Center is currently the only shelter within the Second District, and on October 24, 2013 shelter representatives met with elected City officials regarding shelter closures.**
- **Treasurer Charlotte Lesser stated that she would like to have the issue of shelter closures on the January 2014 agenda.**

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3201)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4513)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Health Care and shared several articles with the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, October 28, 2013. (13-4514)

The October 28, 2013 meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.